

ZODIAC NEWS SERVICE

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Dear Hal:

Here is one of the stories you requested -- from the L.A. Times on the destruction of evidence in the R.F.K. case.

The enclosed Times story by William Farr covers only the L.A. city Council Meeting of Thursday morning, August 21st, and not of the L.A. police commission meeting of that same afternoon.

I talked to our correspondent who covered that meeting for us and for Pacifica radio in Los Angeles (KPEK), and he told me that Farr was at the morning meeting -- but not at the afternoon one. This explains why the Times missed everything but the ceiling panels, because they were discussed in the morning; but the other items were also discussed at the police commission meeting in the P.M.

As our correspondent Jeffrey Kye tells it, and he has both notes and actual recordings to back him up, ~~xxxxxx~~ acting police chief Daryl Gates of the Los Angeles Police Department admitted to the Police Commission in the afternoon of August 21, 1975:

- (1) The ceiling panels were destroyed under an order ~~signed June 26, 1969~~ drawn up June 27, 1969.
- (2) Destroyed the door jams under the same order.
- (3) Destroyed the spectrographic analysis under the same order.
- (4) Had X-rays of the ceiling panels made, but they "can not be located."
- (5) Gates also said that Kennedy's left coat sleeve is missing, saying that police probably never had custody of the sleeve -- that it was likely removed by doctors who treated R.F.K. and was lost.

